

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electrophoretic particle having a surface to which at least an amphipathic residual group derived from a reactive surfactant is fixed.

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2. An electrophoretic particle according to Claim 1, wherein said electrophoretic particles are selected from the group consisting of pigment particles, polymer-coated pigment particles, and 10 polymer particles colored with a dye.

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3. An electrophoretic particle according to Claim 1, wherein said reactive surfactant has a reactive function group comprising an unsaturated 15 hydrocarbon group.

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4. An electrophoretic particle according to Claim 1, wherein said reactive surfactant has a hydrophobic portion comprising an aliphatic 20 hydrocarbon chain having 4 - 30 carbon atoms.

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5. An electrophoretic particle according to Claim 1, wherein said reactive surfactant has a hydrophobic portion comprising an ionic functional 25 group.

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6. An electrophoretic liquid comprising such

electrophoretic particles according to any one of
Claims 1 - 5 and a dispersion medium.

7. An electrophoretic display comprising:

5 a pair of substrates,
 a first electrode and a second electrode
 which are disposed on the pair of substrates,
 an electrophoretic liquid, comprising
 electrophoretic particles and a dispersion medium,
10 disposed between the pair of substrates, said
 electrophoretic particles being moved by applying a
 voltage to said first and second electrodes to effect
 display,
 wherein each electrophoretic particle has a
15 surface to which at least an amphipathic residual
 group derived from a reactive surfactant is fixed.

8. A process for producing electrophoretic
particles, comprising the steps of:

20 adsorbing at least a reactive surfactant on a
 particle surface, and
 fixing an amphipathic residual group
 attributable to the reactive surfactant to the
 particle surface by a chemical reaction of a reactive
25 functional group possessed by the reactive surfactant.

9. A process according to Claim 8, wherein the

chemical reaction of the reactive functional group possessed by the reactive surfactant is polymerization reaction.

- 5 10. A process according to Claim 8 or 9, wherein the amphipathic residual group attributable to the reactive surfactant is fixed to the particle surface by a copolymerization reaction of the reactive surfactant with a comonomer.

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